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**INFORMATION
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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 CFR 1.97-1.98, within the time period specified by 37 CFR 1.97(d).

A Form PTO/SB/08 and a copy of the reference listed therein are attached. Since the reference is written in the Japanese language, a "Patent Abstracts of Japan" summary is also attached to provide English language information about the relevance of the reference.

The reference was cited in an Office Action on a Japanese patent application pertaining to the present US application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is attached, along with an English translation of relevant portions thereof to provide further information about the relevance of the reference.

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The Japanese Office Action issued on June 23, 2009. Accordingly, the following statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) can be made: Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The \$180 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is being submitted concurrently . Should this remittance be accidentally missing or insufficient, though, any fees that may be needed can be charged to our Deposit Account 18-0002.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the reference be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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